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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: ERRONEOUS REPORTING OF STLES'
JOKE

REF: MEYERS/STYLES LETTER OF OCTOBER 12, 1976

1. OCTOBER 15 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MAINITI DAILY NEWS
CARRIES PAGE 5, TWO COLUMN LOCAL STORY STATING THAT
"AT THE UNSUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS TO
REVISE THE U.S.-JAPAN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

LAST WEEK, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL TOLD HIS
JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS THAT JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM
COULD QUOTE JUMP INTO HELL TOGETHER UNQUOTE". STORY
LEAVES CLEAR IMPRESSION REMARK WAS FINAL ONE MADE
BY U.S. SIDE TO JAPANESE.

2. ARTICLE STATES "THE JAPANESE WERE SHOCKED BY
THE REMARK...AND FAILS TO POINT OUT THAT STYLES'
STORY WAS TOLD AS REJOINDER TO ONE TOLD BY JCAB
CHIEF NEGOTIATOR YAMAJI. ARTICLE FURTHER STATES
THIS IS SAME STATE DEPT OFFICIAL WHO WILL DIRECT
TALKS WITH BRITISH.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES ERRONEOUS ACCOUNT STEMS FROM

OCTOBER 8 MOFA PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AT WHICH MOFA OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY CHANGED WORDING OF THE NEGOTIATOR'S COMMENT.

4. ECON MINISTER HAS MENTIONED OUR CONCERN OVER THE ARTICLE TO MOFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR ASAO.
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